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In re Application of : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED  
HOWARD M. KINGSTON : IN-PROCESS, ISOTOPE DILUTION THRESHOLD AND  
: QUANTITATION MEASUREMENT MASS  
: SPECTROMETRY  
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for a three month extension of time extending the period for response to August 13, 2003 is enclosed.

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